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Applicant claims priority under 35 USC §119 to the following foreign application:

Serial no. 2000-396315 filed December 26, 2000 in Japan.

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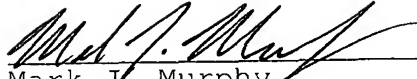
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Multiple Dependent	No			(small entity) x 140 (others) x 280	\$0.00
Basic Fee				(small entity) x 370 (others) x 740	\$740.00
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